

“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”

MINUTES

City of San Diego
Park and Recreation Board

February 15, 2007

Meeting Held at:

City Administration Building
Committee Room, 12th Floor
202 “C” Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Mailing Address is:

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Office of Park and Recreation Director
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1300, MS 56C
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ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Ginny Barnes, Acting Chair
Darlene Gould Davies
Norman Greene
Dan Mazzella
Bob Otilie
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds
Wilbur Smith

Members Absent

Robert L. Robinson

City Staff Present

Ronne Froman
Rick Reynolds
Patti Boekamp
Bill Anderson
Howard Kummerman
Stacey LoMedico
Andy Field
Jo-Ann Novak
Alex Sachs

CALL TO ORDER - Acting Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2007 AND JANUARY 31, 2007

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Ms. Davies

Mr. Jose Lopez requested that the meeting minutes of January 18, 2007, be amended to reflect the proper name of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association. A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Ms. Davies to approve the corrected minutes of January 18, 2007. Mr. Otilie abstained. Approval of meeting minutes of Special Meeting of January 31, 2007 was continued.

COMMUNICATIONS - None.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT - None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Stacey LoMedico announced the retirement of Mr. Ted Medina as Park and Recreation Director. Ms. LoMedico will be the Acting Director until a nationwide search is completed for his replacement.

WORKSHOP

Acting Chair Barnes requested that workshop item be moved to after the Informational Item.

ACTION ITEMS

101. Discussion of the concepts of:

- A. Transfer of staff and responsibilities, involving grounds maintenance, from the Park and Recreation Department to General Services Department**
- B. Transfer of Park Planning and Development Division functions to Engineering and Capital Projects and Planning and Community Investment.**

Ms. Ronne Froman, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Rick Reynolds, Assistant Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Bill Anderson, City Planning and Community Investment Director; and Ms. Patti Boekamp, Engineering and Capital Projects Director provided the staff report on Item 101.

Public Testimony in opposition of Item 101 was heard from: Ms. Sandy Lippe, Mr. Scott Gellerman, Ms. Celeste Weinsheim (yielded time to Ms. Juhasz), Ms. Linda Juhasz, Mr. David Smollar, and Mr. Damian Tryon. Mr. Smollar discussed lights at Morley Field in Balboa Park.

Acting Chair Ms. Ginny Barnes opened the floor for questions from the Park and Recreation Board Members to the Mayor's staff. Ms. Davies discussed the role of Recreation Councils versus appointed committees such as Balboa Park Committee and Mission Bay Park Committee.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Mr. Greene/Ms. Puentes-Reynolds

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds to send the letter to the Mayor and City Councilmembers, signed by Acting Chair once the first two paragraphs were combined, remove the last sentence in paragraph two and remove the last sentence in the letter. The vote was 5 to 1, with Mr. Otilie opposed and Mr. Robinson absent.

Two standing updates – (1) Park Maintenance Business Process Re-engineering Update and (2) City Planning and Community Investment Update – will be added to the regular Park and Recreation Board monthly agenda.

Mr. Reynolds will establish a committee that will include unions, employees and members of the Park and Recreation Councils. Committee will not have a member from every single Recreation Council.

102. Update on Fox Canyon

Item 102 was moved to the end of the agenda per Mr. Otilie's request.

104. Chollas Lake

Ms. LoMedico provided a brief staff report on the status of Chollas Lake. Last year the Water Department paid for the water to fill the lake via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Park and Recreation Department. Prior to that SLA, the Park and Recreation Department paid for the water via the General Fund, as is being done this fiscal year through the Community Park II Division operating budget. There are no plans to drain Chollas Lake, although a problem has been identified with water retention at Chollas Lake, with water loss exceeding normally accepted water evaporation rates.

Public testimony in opposition to Item 104 was heard from Ms. Daniele Laman. Mr. Joseph R. Bain was called but did not speak.

Public testimony in favor of Item 104 was heard from Ms. Kathy Evans-Calderwood.

Ms. LoMedico will return to the Board with more information on the Chollas Lake issue at the April meeting.

103. Fox Canyon Investigation

Mr. Otilie presented his investigation of the Fox Canyon park project including detailed exhibits. There was no staff report on this item.

Public testimony in opposition to Item 103 was provided by Mr. James Marler.

Public testimony in favor of Item 103 was provided by Ms. Kathy Evans-Calderwood.

MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. Puentes-Reynolds/Mr. Mazzella

A motion was made by Ms. Puentes-Reynolds and seconded by Mr. Mazella to forward the information at today's meeting to the City Attorney's Office and recognize Mr. Otilie as the liaison for Park and Recreation Board. Mr. Otilie to provide a monthly update of five to ten minutes long. The vote was unanimous, with Ms. Davies and Mr. Robinson absent.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. when the Board lost its quorum.

Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, March 15, 2:00 P.M.

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico
Acting Park and Recreation Director